

# Players Disobeying Orders From Dave Fultz--Keane's Bowlers Will Roll

## CONTRACTS BEGIN TO APPEAR AGAIN

Sallee and Ritter Disobey Fultz and Sign With Giants for 1917.

## REVOLT EXPECTED TO FLEE

Manager Griffith Piles Into Accumulated Office Work Right Off Reel.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

The major leaguers, despite the absence of orders from Dave Fultz, have begun to send in their signed contracts for 1917. The utter collapse of the attempted revolt is thus seen rapidly approaching.

Slim Sallee, the Giants' southpaw, wasted not a minute after receiving his contract. He sat right down, signed on the dotted line and rushed it back to the Giants' office. Doing so, he gave evidence that, when it comes down to brass tacks, the ball players are likely to leave Fultz stranded high and dry.

Bert Shotton, the Browns' veteran gardener, was the first player to pass up the orders of the fraternity leader. Several weeks ago he attached his name to a three-year contract. It is probable, though, that he will be signed all over again, as a new form of contract has been adopted by the big league.

## Two Giants in Line.

Slim Sallee, being a veteran and not so certain of clinging on, might be excused, but for the fact that he very probably has stood for a cut in salary. He had jumped to the Federal League and then back again to the Cardinals, receiving an increased, wartime contract for his action. The Giants merely assumed this St. Louis contract.

Racing Sallee to the office was Bill Ritter, a rookie twirler, whose signed contract has been received. Ritter must still earn a position on the New York team, but he does not intend to start with a handicap. He has signed. The wind seems to be blowing toward the magnates and away from the athletes. Dave Fultz has issued no orders, but the players just can't wait to get into line.

## Our League Strong.

The American League clubs cannot be hit hard by any rebellion of the players. The Yankees have fifteen men under contract. The Mackmen and the Indians have never been enthusiastic over the fraternity and the White Sox have little more.

While Manager Griffith has but three or four players in line for the coming campaign, John Henry, the local leader of the fraternity, met with much trouble last season in obtaining dues from some of the players. It is quite possible that the Washington club will string along with the magnates rather than with Fultz.

## Griff Busy Today.

This was Manager Griffith's busy day. Bright and early he was on the job, getting his office affairs into shipshape condition. Much correspondence has been piling up for his attention now and, that out of the way, he will enter upon a series of long-distance letter-writing contests with his players.

Contracts for 1917 will begin to go out today. The Old Fox is cheerful about this matter. He expects to have all his boys ready for the spring heft.

## Wants To Return.

"Butch" Schmidt, who was first baseman for the Boston Braves until last spring, when he decided to retire from the diamond, is becoming restless. He wants to return to his old berth and threatens to join the Braves at their training camp in March. If he shows any sort of firm during the practice games of the spring Ed Konetchy may be sent to the outfield.

## Schmidt Is Proprietor of Several Butcher-shops in Baltimore and, when he retired, was reported to be well fixed in this world's goods.

OH H. C. of L. may have hit him between the eyes, though, if he now wants to quit cutting steaks and chops to take up the task of swinging on the little old apple.

## TACTLESS NOTRE DAME

W. and J. Will Meet South Bend in Gridiron for Two Years.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Jan. 8.—A home-and-home agreement has been arranged between Washington and Jefferson and Notre Dame for two football games. On November 24 the South Bend eleven, ranking with the best in the Middle West, will oppose Metzger's team here. In 1918 W. and J. will go to South Bend, Iowa.

Following is the W. and J. football schedule:

At home—September 22, Bethany College; September 29, Grove City College; October 6, Marietta College; October 13, West Virginia Wesleyan College; October 20, Penn State; November 24, Notre Dame University. Abroad—October 27, Geneva College, at Beaver Falls, Pa.; November 3, Marietta College, at Marietta, Ohio; November 10, Pittsburgh University, at Pittsburgh; November 17, West Virginia University, at Fairmont, W. Va.; November 24 (Thanksgiving), Washington and Lee, at Richmond, Va.

## OFFERS DARCY \$10,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—Manager Harry Edwards, of the Olympia A. A. yesterday wired Les Darcy, the Australian fighter, an offer of \$10,000 to box Battling Levinsky a ten-round bout in this city. Dan Morgan, manager of the battle, accepted for a percentage of the gross receipts. Darcy hasn't replied to the offer as yet.

## YANKEE CONTRACTS TO CARRY NO CUTS

Training Season Plans Not Yet Completed, Pending Two More Replies.

By JOE VILA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Contracts will be in the hands of all the unsigned members of the Yankees by the middle of this week. They were put in the mail on Saturday, but some must travel all the way to California where Walters, Love and Alexander are spending the winter and one goes to Aragon in Cuba.

As announced by the owners of the club a few weeks ago, no player will be asked to play for less than he received in 1916 and increases have voluntarily been offered to several of the players.

## Will Be Shorter.

Plans for the training campaign at Macon have not been completed, but it is a certainty now that the training period will be shorter than in 1916 and the squad will be only two-thirds of the 1916 size. Instead of having the battery candidates work an entire week in February before the other players report on March 1, it is likely that neither squad will begin work before the latter date. Last spring Donovan's squad numbered forty-nine players but this year less than thirty-five will be taken to the training camp. The squad now figures upon the Macon faunt includes twelve pitchers, four catchers, eight infielders and six outfielders. It is possible that two or three more may be taken south for trial.

## Coming This Week.

The complete list of spring exhibition games will be given out this week, the list being held up at present pending the answers from two cities in Georgia where games between the Yankees and Braves are desired. Plenty of offers have been made for these games but some of the cities are so far from the route which the two clubs will follow that the club officials had to decline.

## HAS MANY BATTLES

New York's Boxing Fans Should Feast on the Offerings.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—New York this week is to be steeped and pickled in boxing bouts as it hasn't been since the opening of the fist season. Good cards are in the offing in a groove for the first time in many days. Jack Britton, who claims the welterweight championship; Billy Miske, Tom Cowler, and Fred Fulton all will be paraded before the public. Also Les Darcy's first match in this country probably will be announced.

The most important of the swat-carnivals will be the ten-round meeting tomorrow night between Tom Cowler and Fred Fulton, the latter one of the most bothersome individuals with whom Jess Willard has to deal. A victory over Cowler would go a long way toward establishing Fulton's right to challenge for the title, while a defeat would have the effect of closing him up, for a while, at least.

When the two heavies have put their squabble among the historical events of the world's championship scrap, Billy Miske will get his start against a big heavyweight Friday night when he tackles Charley Weinert. His showing against smaller men in the heavy division has made him a favorite in the betting.

## PENN TEAM RETURNS

Football Players Overjoyed at the Treatment They Received.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—Penn's football squad is back in town, every man delighted with the treatment it received on the Pacific coast. A good-sized throng of students, with many relatives of the players, greeted the bronzed athletes on their arrival at Cox Reading station. Also Albert Badoud will square off for a ten-round affair Wednesday night. Badoud is the welterweight champion of Europe, so the promoters are billing the match as a world's championship scrap.

## Willcox and Flower, Harvard Runners, May Leave College.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 8.—Willcox and Flower, two of Harvard's star runners, are likely to be lost to the college by midyear graduation. It was reported today. Willcox has been out in running togs, but Flower has not shown up on the track at Soldiers' Field since the college opened after the Christmas recess.

## Harvard Has Not Given Up Hopes that They Will Be with the Team This Year, but as they are seniors and can probably get their degrees next month if they want them, it is believed that they will take advantage of the opportunity to graduate ahead of the class, even at the cost of a half year in togs has aroused the hope that he, at least, will battle for the Crimson on the track this spring.

## DONLIN GETS BERTH.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Mike Donlin, famous batsman of the New York Nationals, a few years ago, signed a one-year contract today to manage the Memphis club of the Southern League. The contract calls for Donlin to act as a player-manager, and he will cover first base.

## WILLARD MAY APPEAR

Fred Fulton May Be Named as Opponent for Milwaukee Bout.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 8.—Jess Willard will make his 1917 start in Milwaukee and at the Auditorium. The bout is slated for March, and Fred Fulton will probably be his opponent.

Fulton must defeat Tom Cowler decisively next Tuesday night and must dispose of two other heavies in ten-round bouts to earn a shot at the match. If he does not another American heavy will be selected.

Georges Carpentier was wanted for Willard's fight, but there is little likelihood of Georges leaving the war front for quite a while. Les Darcy is not being considered as a possibility.

## TECH GETS INITIAL WORK TOMORROW

Manual Trainers Owe Much to Jakey Roberts for Start at Floor Game.

Technical makes its first appearance in a league basketball game tomorrow afternoon, when the team takes the floor against Western at the Y. M. C. A.

The start made by the Manual Trainers is the result of the efforts of Jakey Roberts, star of two years ago, who is now at Georgetown University. Roberts got together a collection of basketballers and played independent games.

The faculty would make no recognition of the team, despite the efforts of Roberts and his followers to convince the powers that be that the sport would thrive. Roberts and his crew entered the Maryland League with Georgetown Prep, Gonzaga, and the Army and Navy Academy.

## Known As Fairmounts.

Roberts' team was known as the Fairmounts, and played through a highly successful season. Last year Roberts graduated in February, and was appointed coach of the team, taking over all responsibility. His stint came through with several notable victories.

The Tech athletic organization recognized basketball as a major sport, and Roberts was amply rewarded. This year, when the league was started, Tech entered a team. It will be the first appearance of the Tech team as a representative in the league.

The Manual Trainers are rated stronger than Western, Catlin, Tabb, De La Vergne, and the Prep. They have had two years' experience. Both Catlin and Tabb have been members of the Epiphany Church gym team for several seasons, while De La Vergne was a member of the Georgetown Prep team. Roberts, who was on Tech's team last season.

## Has Good Chances.

On appearance of last Friday none of the four teams in competition has much advantage. Tech can get a chance to start in the lead if Western is defeated. Both Business and Eastern have wins to their credit now and it will be a matter of a game or so before one team takes the lead. None of the teams seems to have a big margin and the series is expected to be close right up to the end. In the Intercollegiate League last year two or three teams were weak and the leaders gained much at their expense.

From present indications there are no cripples in the circuit this season and every team will be forced to the limit for a win. Western and Eastern did much better than was expected last week and both teams can be counted upon to improve.

## Business Is Strong.

Business is stronger than most teams in the league at present. Coach White starts with five veterans and has added several competent players to the roster. The White boys, MacDonald and Gleason and Towles form a sturdy team, older and heavier than the others and they can be counted upon to deliver.

Central's showing was not as good as was heralded. The Blue and White was counting upon a rather easy victory over Eastern. The Capitol Hill Vets took the Central players at a fast clip throughout a short passing game, breaking up Central's formations.

## MAY DROP OARSMEN

Rooney and One Other May Lose Their Amateur Standing.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Following charges made yesterday that Tom Rooney, the Ravenswood R. C. amateur single sculling champion and the foremost oarsman in America, had jeopardized his amateur standing by being a games instructor in the bureau of recreation of the department of parks, a prominent official of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen said that Rooney was not the only oarsman who is in jeopardy of having himself declared a professional at the next meeting of the association, to be held at the New York A. C. on March 17.

Who this second prominent oarsman is who "would walk the plank" as the official in question put it, is not known, for neither the official nor James A. Pilkington, president of the association, would divulge the name. It is certain, however, that the annual rowing meeting will see some housecleaning.

Asked whether the N. A. A. O. if Rooney should be found guilty as charged, would compel him to restore the medals he won in amateur regattas last summer and relinquish his title, Mr. Pilkington said that might very well follow. He cited the case of Jim Thorpe, whose medals and prizes won at the Olympic games in 1912 were returned to Sweden when it was shown that he had been a professional athlete for a year or more before the Olympic games. Rooney, it is said, has been employed by the city in his present capacity for more than a year.

## BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

Did Charlie Doolin's sorrel look like the Crimsons' color scheme?

Despite Dave Fultz, peace seems about to spread its wings over the baseball world. Evidences are at hand that the players are going to sign up for the season of 1917, and, working under equitable, one-term contracts, endeavor to play the best baseball in their systems. The passing of the long-term contract should prove a boon to the game. We have seen too much lazy, indifferent work on the diamond for the past couple of years. The lazy ones, knew their money was assured and recked not of the consequences. But, beginning next April, the fans should see some peppery playing by athletes struggling to hold their places. All of which is the best thing that has happened to baseball in many a long day.

Will a football war occur, now that Meehan, quarterback at Syracuse, has jumped to Fordham?

Yes, the expected result is here. Oregon's victory over Pennsylvania has stirred up the East. It is now claimed that some of the stronger Eastern eleven should be selected to face the best from the Pacific coast. For instance, Pittsburgh, conqueror of Penn, might have done better against Oregon, etc., etc. It was generally admitted that Oregon was the best eleven on the coast. Penn did not occupy such a proud position in the East. But haven't Eastern writers always held that real championship football existed only in the East, and that the West was as a schoolboy on the gridiron? They now see the error and want to learn a little more.

The rules committee promises to forget Haughton's suggestions. It simply must show him its impertinence.

We are informed that Charlie Weegman has \$100,000 worth to him to purchase much-needed athletes for his Cubs. Well, what of it? No other magnate is so pushed for ready cash as to sell any player or players worth \$100,000. These are no war times now. This speaker would not be sold today, as he was last spring. Things were in a shaky condition a year ago. The stars foretold nothing but trouble coming and going. But now the sun is rising and Charlie Weegman's \$100,000 will probably go right back into the bank five minutes after it is taken out.

The demands for Darcy seem to be passing out of sight, and that means also out of mind.

When the Australian boxer, Les Darcy, arrived in New York three weeks ago, he was greeted with acclamation. Some few attempted to make him a hero, although he had slipped out of his own country to escape the recruiting officer. He made a good impression upon those who met him. He filled columns in the newspapers. And then the excitement died out. His critics began to be heard, demanding that he accept some of the challenges being hurled in his direction. His financial demands are considered exorbitant, and so no promoter can be found to consider putting him on with the certainty of losing money himself. Darcy will have to hustle for the coin, unless he gets busy within a few weeks. He doesn't know it, but the baseball season is coming. Then we shan't have any time to think of Australian boxers.

Michigan's governor kayaked the movement for boxing in his State, but why not? His name is Sleeper.

Manager Griffith is a capable performer, whether it be on the coaching lines or behind his rolitop over in the Southern building, and so it is fair to expect that he will shortly begin to spout information for the Washington fans. The boys who go out to the ball yard are turning over in their winter sleep and listening for the alarm clock. They are eager for some choice tidbits from the realm of the bounding horsehide. Even the gossip stuff will do, so long as it is concerned with baseball.

Old Winter is walking on a crutch already. Six weeks from now the players will be reporting and starting on their journeys into the Southland. But we don't have to wait six weeks to get interested. In fact, old top, we're interested right now.

## OLSON TO MANAGE

Brooklyn Shortstop Named to Lead Vernon Coast Club.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 8.—Ivan Olson, shortstop last season with the Brooklyn Nationals, was named today as the choice of the management of the Vernon club, of the Pacific Coast League, for manager of that club for 1917.

Thomas Darmody, new owner of the Vernon franchise, said that Charles H. Ebbets, owner of the Brooklyn team, had not yet finally agreed to release Olson, but was expected to do so. Olson will take charge of the team at once if released.

## MONEY FOR PLAYERS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Fred Mitchell, Cub leader, will leave for the East tonight. In a Chicago bank, President Weegman has deposited \$100,000, and another \$100,000 will follow it if Mitchell needs more for stars, the Cub owner declared today.

## WILLIAMS IS READY

Bantam Champion Expects to Retain Honors Against Herman.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 8.—Kid Williams, of Baltimore, is confident of retaining his honors against Kid Herman here tomorrow night in their twenty-round battle. They will weigh in at 115 pounds ringside. From each training camp comes a story of an approaching victory "by knockout," and the wise ones in town are up in the air about it. "I've trained hard for this bout," said Williams today, "and when I enter the ring, I'll be ready for the best battle of my life. I shall win by a knockout." "I have learned something from my other bouts against the champion," says Herman, "and I shall go after the weak places. I am sure I shall stop him inside of the limit."

## COLLIFLOWER GETS FINE NAVY SQUAD

Combs Academy and Produces Exceptional Quint Which Has Yet to Be Beaten.

Jim Colliflower, coach of the Navy basketball team, is not only bringing honor to himself, but is earning an enviable reputation as a coach. And Colliflower's keen judgment and foresight might well be an excellent pattern for other coaches. Unless all signs fall Navy will have one of the best basketball teams ever developed at the Academy this year. It was not mere chance which produced the Navy quint this season. A look over the records of last year's place team justifies the assertion that Colliflower had an eye for future development.

No very coach with one-year contract looks forward to the next year and the year after that. Yet Colliflower took over the Navy team last year and produced a fine collection of players. Among the players on the plebe or first year team were Von Heimberg, Marlene Welch, Clark and Staub, Byers was in the Academy, but had not reported for the team.

## Academy Was Greased.

Colliflower went through the ranks of the midshipmen with a fine-toothed comb. As a result Byers was added to the squad this year and Lowe, Roberts and Whelchel were produced from the incoming class.

Most of the Navy players are either in their first or second year on the squad. Five games have been won already and there is every indication that the team will go through the season with a clear record.

Swarthmore, Crescent A. C., New York University and the South Atlantic Colleges are to be played as yet and the schedule is in its infancy. The defeat of the College of the City of New York, Yale University, St. John's College, the Hopkins Independents and George Washington speaks volumes for the work done this year.

## Navy Always Good.

The Navy has always had good basketball teams. When Smith and Adams held forth three years and more back the midshipmen were well nigh invincible. When these players left, the team fared not so well, but since Colliflower has been on the job the Navy prowess has overcome all invaders and there is every indication that the team will go through the season with a clear record.

Hard, fast basketball characterizes the work of the Navy quint. The passing is accurate and the players cover the floor uniformly well. Competition is the forte of the Navy teams and the basketball squad suffers nothing in comparison with other representative teams.

The recent defeat of Yale is a footnote in Colliflower's cap. Syracuse University has not met defeat on its own floor in six years and Yale recently triumphed over the Salt City players by 30 to 20. The Syracuse record is said to be unequalled in intercollegiate ranks.

## LEHIGH IS COMING

Relay Team Will Compete in Two Indoor Meets in Capital.

The Lehigh University relay team will be seen in both the Georgetown and George Washington indoor meets here this season. The Hilltoppers' meet is scheduled for Washington's Birthday and that of the Buff and Blue on March 3.

The South Bethlehem athletes are usually a speedy lot and are sure to give their opponents a hustle for the honors in both of these events.

## WHERE THEY ROLL.

District—Shermans vs. Resolutes, at Royal.

National Capital—Dumbartons vs. Palace, at Georgetown.

Postoffice—Registry vs. Supplies; Independents vs. Mailing, at Postoffice.

Navy Yard—Torpedo vs. Foundry, at Capitol Hill.

Agriculture—Interbureau—Crop Estimates vs. Markets, at Casino.

Commercial—Judd & Detweiler vs. Barber & Ross, at Palace.

Capitol Hill—Marines vs. Southland, at Capitol Hill.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing—Yankees vs. Machinists, at Rathskeller.

Georgetown Commercial—Morning Glines vs. C. and C. Supply, at Georgetown.

Southeast—Steel Plant vs. Model Lunch, at Southeast.

Departmental—Treasury vs. Land, at Palace.

Capitol City—Indians vs. Buckeyes, at Rathskeller.

Mt. Pleasant—Colonials vs. Princetons, at Arcade.

Arcade—Benedicts vs. King's Palace, at Arcade.

Columbia—Webers vs. Congressmen, at Columbia.

Bureau of Standards—Unions vs. Crackerjacks, at Arcade.

Interstate—Dockets vs. Claims, at Arcade.

Washington City Tennis—Pioneers vs. Agriculture, at Royal.

Hyattsville—Arcades vs. Comets, at Hyattsville.

## TWO BEST BOWLERS ON AUDITORS TEAM

Campbell and Stanley Are Leaders of Southern Railway Duckpin League.

Auditors, who lead the Southern Railway Duckpin League, have the two best bowlers of the circuit in Campbell and Stanley, who have averages of 103. The figures follow:

| Games      | Wins | Loss | Pins   | Pct. |
|------------|------|------|--------|------|
| Auditors   | 27   | 13   | 13,417 | .687 |
| Stanley    | 27   | 13   | 13,417 | .687 |
| Campbell   | 27   | 13   | 13,417 | .687 |
| Law        | 27   | 13   | 13,417 | .687 |
| Travers    | 27   | 13   | 13,417 | .687 |
| Treasurers | 27   | 13   | 13,417 | .687 |

\*Have a postponed set.

## Team Averages.

| G.         | Pin. | St.   | H.O. | H.S. | Ave.   |
|------------|------|-------|------|------|--------|
| Campbell   | 27   | 2,807 | 5    | 57   | 103.24 |
| Stanley    | 27   | 2,807 | 5    | 57   | 103.24 |
| Law        | 27   | 2,807 | 5    | 57   | 103.24 |
| Travers    | 27   | 2,807 | 5    | 57   | 103.24 |
| Treasurers | 27   | 2,807 | 5    | 57   | 103.24 |

Individual averages for ten games or more:

| G.         | Pin. | St.   | H.O. | H.S. | Ave.   |
|------------|------|-------|------|------|--------|
| Campbell   | 27   | 2,807 | 5    | 57   | 103.24 |
| Stanley    | 27   | 2,807 | 5    | 57   | 103.24 |
| Law        | 27   | 2,807 | 5    | 57   | 103.24 |
| Travers    | 27   | 2,807 | 5    | 57   | 103.24 |
| Treasurers | 27   | 2,807 | 5    | 57   | 103.24 |

## TIE AND TIMBER.

| G.        | Pin. | St.   | H.O. | H.S. | Ave.   |
|-----------|------|-------|------|------|--------|
| Lawrence  | 27   | 2,139 | 9    | 30   | 126.51 |
| Schwartz  | 27   | 2,139 | 9    | 30   | 126.51 |
| W. Dorsey | 27   | 2,139 | 9    | 30   | 126.51 |
| N. Dorsey | 27   | 2,139 | 9    | 30   | 126.51 |
| Travers   | 27   | 2,139 | 9    | 30   | 126.51 |
| Hous.     | 27   | 2,139 | 9    | 30   | 126.51 |

## MANAGERS.

|                    |    |       |    |    |     |     |       |
|--------------------|----|-------|----|----|-----|-----|-------|
| Widmore.....       | 27 | 2,836 | 2  | 49 | 121 | 222 | 94-18 |
| Verbart.....       | 13 | 1,069 | 3  | 27 | 161 | 272 | 85-16 |
| Parks.....         | 26 | 2,170 | 4  | 13 | 165 | 273 | 83-13 |
| PASSENGER TRAFFIC. |    |       |    |    |     |     |       |
| Lawtensen.....     | 27 | 2,421 | 10 | 36 | 120 | 321 | 96-25 |
| Richm ad.....      | 24 | 2,206 | 7  | 32 | 112 | 306 | 94-3  |
| Crymes.....        | 17 | 1,532 | 6  | 17 | 146 | 268 | 90-3  |
| Jones.....         | 21 | 1,678 | 2  | 12 | 92  | 260 | 89-0  |
| Eastwood.....      | 18 | 1,460 | 0  | 13 | 82  | 263 | 77-17 |